


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application. Applicants have cancelled claim 6, 11, 16, 17 and 20 as being allowed in parent application 09/979,443. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12, 14, 15, 18 and 19, to more fully conform with U.S. practice and to delete multiple dependencies.

Attached is a list of documents on Form PTO-1449. Since the benefit of priority of this application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, no copies need to be furnished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), however, copies will be furnished on request.

Respectfully submitted,



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